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GENESIS 37:6-8 & PHILIPPIANS 2:3-8

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GENESIS 45:1-7 & GENESIS 45:15

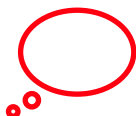
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GENESIS 50:20A NLT



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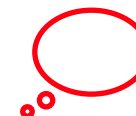
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MEAL TIME

As a parent, sometimes sharing your high school experiences with your teen can connect and bring you closer to them. Think of a challenge that you experienced in high school that at the time was overwhelming and difficult. Share your experience with your teen and how now you can see God's purposes and plan throughout the situation. Maybe even ask how they would have handled it.



THEIR TIME

The next time your teen brings up feeling stuck, overwhelmed, or unsure of a next step, take time to listen to them—distraction free. Sometimes teens just need a safe place to process and be heard. Demonstrate active listening by focusing fully on them and being present in the moment. Ask open ended questions about their situation while seeking to understand—not to respond.



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